

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU**

F.No. 1-10/2025(DEB-SR)

03 October, 2025

List of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) recognized to offer Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programmes for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025.

- (I) University Grants Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) as per regulation 3(A) and regulation 3(B)(b) of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments for recognition of programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode. On the basis of the applications submitted by the HEI under UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments, the list of HEIs recognized to offer Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programmes for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and onwards is attached herewith.
- (II) As per the 578th Commission decision, Central or State or Private Universities don't require prior approval/recommendation/NOC from AICTE for offering of Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Postgraduate Diploma programmes falling under the disciplines of Management, Computer Applications and Travel and Tourism. However, Deemed to be Universities are required to seek prior approval/recommendation/ NOC from AICTE for offering of such programmes in ODL and/or Online mode.
- (III) The programmes under the ambit of Regulatory Authorities have been considered on the basis of NOC/ approval/ recommendation received from the respective Regulatory Authority. The HEI must strictly comply with all the conditions specified in the relevant regulatory authority's letter, including but not limited to those related to the number of seats, approved academic year, and any other stipulated requirements.
- (IV) The HEIs shall ensure the compliance of entry level qualification, mode of admission, duration of programme (minimum & maximum) and number of credits as per UGC Notification on Specification of Degrees 2014 and its amendments, UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and other instructions/notices issued by UGC and other statutory/ regulatory bodies from time to time.
- (V) The Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions as stipulated in the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments and other instructions/notices issued by UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies from time to time.
- (VI) The Higher Educational Institution shall also adhere to the policy of Territorial Jurisdiction and Learner Support Centres (LSC) as specified in Annexure III and VIII of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.

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- (VII) UGC has decided **15th October, 2025** as the last date to admit learners by recognized/entitled HEIs in ODL/Online programmes and the date for submission of admission data on DEB Web portal for academic session beginning July-August 2025 via reverse API.
- (VIII) The Higher Educational Institutions have submitted an affidavit to the effect that in case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the Higher Educational Institution is found to be false or wrong at a later stage or in case there is any violation of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments by the HEI, the Higher Educational Institution shall be solely liable and responsible for any such contravention/violation and for any consequences thereof (including career consequences of Learner). In such events, the HEI may also be subject to the consequences stipulated under Regulation 7 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
- (IX) The list of HEIs that are recognized as per UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 to offer programmes in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode is appended herewith.



(Prof. Manish R. Joshi)
Secretary

S.No	STATE	HEI NAME & TYPE OF HEI	PERIOD OF RECOGNITION	NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES RECOGNISED	NAME OF PROGRAMMES
					4 YEARS 8) BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (EDUCATION) - 4 YEARS 9) BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (HONS) (GENERAL) - 4 YEARS 10) BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HONS) (GENERAL) - 4 YEARS 11) BACHELOR OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCES 12) MASTER OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCES
54.	ODISHA	MAHARAJA SRIRAM CHANDRA BHANJA DEO UNIVERSITY (ERSTWHILE NORTH ORISSA UNIVERSITY) (STATE UNIVERSITY)	2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 to 2029-30 (upto January-February 2030 only)	05	1) MASTER OF ARTS (ODIA) 2) MASTER OF ARTS (SANSKRIT) 3) MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH) 4) MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK 5) MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)
55.	PUDUCHERRY	PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY (CENTRAL UNIVERSITY)	2021-22, Academic session beginning July, 2021 (revised as November, 2021) 2021-22 to 2025-26 (upto Academic Session	12	1) BACHELOR OF COMMERCE 2) BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MANAGEMENT) 3) BACHELOR OF ARTS (COMBINATION OF 3 SUBJECTS) (HISTORY) 4) BACHELOR OF ARTS (COMBINATION OF 3 SUBJECTS) (ECONOMICS) 5) BACHELOR OF ARTS (COMBINATION OF 3 SUBJECTS) (SOCIOLOGY) 6) BACHELOR OF ARTS (COMBINATION OF 3 SUBJECTS) (ENGLISH) 7) BACHELOR OF ARTS (COMBINATION OF 3

Note:- a) Programme(s) under the ambit of Regulatory Authorities have been considered on the basis of communication/recommendation received separately from respective Regulatory Authority. In case of approval/recommendation received from Regulatory Authority, HEI shall abide the conditions such as number of seats, valid academic year etc. mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter.

b) As per 578th Commission decision, Central or State or Private Universities don't require prior approval/recommendation/NOC from AICTE for offering of Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Postgraduate Diploma programmes falling under the discipline of Management, Computer Applications and Travel and Tourism. However, Deemed to be Universities are still required to seek prior approval/recommendation/ NOC of AICTE for offering of such programmes in ODL and/or Online mode.

4. Recommendations Summary

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Recommended /Not Recommended	Remarks, if recommended/ Reason(s); if not recommended
1	BACHELOR OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE – 1 year	Not Recommended	HEI is not offering the BACHELOR OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE programme in conventional mode
2	MASTERS OF ARTS (SANTHALI) – 2 years	Recommended	
3	MASTERS OF ARTS (YOGA AND NATUROPATHY) – 2 years	Not Recommended	HEI has not submitted the documentary proof regarding offering of MASTERS OF ARTS (YOGA AND NATUROPATHY) programme in conventional mode for at least ten years
4	MASTER OF COMMERCE – 2 years	Recommended	
5	MASTER OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCES – 1 year	Recommended	
6	MASTERS OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE) – 2 years	Recommended	
7	MASTERS OF ARTS (EDUCATION) – 2 years	Recommended	
8	MASTERS OF ARTS (ANTHROPOLOGY AND TRIBAL STUDIES) – 2 years	Recommended	
9	MASTERS OF ARTS (HISTORY) – 2 years	Recommended	



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Fwd: Application of North Orissa University submitted under Eligible category for A.Y. 2025-26

1 message

NORTH ORISSA UNIVERSITY <registrarnou123@gmail.com>
To: directorcdoemscbu@gmail.com, sukantanayak@rediffmail.com

Tue, Nov 11, 2025 at 10:50 AM

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From: <noreply-deb@mail.inflibnet.ac.in>

Date: Mon, Nov 10, 2025 at 10:32 PM

Subject: Application of North Orissa University submitted under Eligible category for A.Y. 2025-26

To: <registrarnou123@gmail.com>

Dear Institute,

Your application for the academic year 2025-26 , academic session beginning February, 2025 has been successfully submitted under the Eligible Category.

You may please note that the mere submission of an application should not be considered as grant of approval/recognition and that all application(s) shall be subject to scrutiny with respect to the standards stipulated in the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.

Further, the provision stipulated under Regulations 5 (7) of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programme and Online Programme) Regulations, 2020, states that: No Higher Educational Institution shall offer any Open and Distance Learning Programme and/or Online Programme and admit learners thereto unless it has been granted recognition by the Commission and admission shall not be made in anticipation of the recognition.

Institute Name: North Orissa University

Institute ID: HEI-U-0359

Regards,
UGC (DEB)

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Registrar,
Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University
(Erstwhile North Orissa University)
Sriram Chandra Vihar,
Takatpur, Baripada- 757003,
Mayurbhanj, Odisha



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Fwd: Extension of last date for application from Eligible HEIs to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and/or Online mode for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 and onwards.

1 message

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To: directorcdoemscbu@gmail.com, sukantanayak@rediffmail.com

Tue, Nov 11, 2025 at 12:21 PM

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From: <noreply-deb@mail.inflibnet.ac.in>

Date: Tue, Nov 11, 2025 at 11:01 AM

Subject: Extension of last date for application from Eligible HEIs to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and/or Online mode for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 and onwards.

To: <registrarnou123@gmail.com>

Cc: <salil.ugc@gmail.com>, <drnpmeenaugc@gmail.com>

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Nature of Communication: Letter

Title: Extension of last date for application from Eligible HEIs to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and/or Online mode for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 and onwards.

Message:

In response to the Public notice F. No. 1-4/2025(DEB-NER) dated 21st October, 2025, UGC has received several requests from Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to

extend the last date for submission of application from Eligible HEIs for recognition to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and/or Online mode

for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 and onwards.

UGC has decided to extend the last date for submission of ODL/Online application from 10th November, 2025 to 17th November, 2025 for eligible HEIs as per Regulation 3(A) and Regulation 3(B)(b)

of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments willing to apply for recognition of programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL)

mode and/or Online mode for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 and onwards.

Application Timeline & Submission Details:

? Last date for the submission of Online Application: 17th November, 2025

? Application Portal: <https://deb.ugc.ac.in/> ? Hard Copy Submission Deadline for original affidavit: 30th November, 2025

? Submission Address: Joint Secretary, Distance Education Bureau, UGC, 35, Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi - 110001

All other contents of the Public notice F. No. 1-4/2025(DEB-NER) dated 21st October, 2025 shall remain the same. Further, HEIs are requested to kindly visit the UGC DEB website at <https://deb.ugc.ac.in/> for further updates in this regard.

Thanks and Regards,

UGC (DEB)

Disclaimer: This is a no-reply email. For any communication, please contact us at odl.ugc@mail.inflibnet.ac.in

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